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EMD Advisory Committee Meeting
February 20, 2007
Maine Criminal Justice Academy, Vassalboro

Minutes

Members Present: Linwood Lothrop (for Stephanie Gibbs), Kathy Blagdon, Tim Beals, Linda Dunno,

Staff: Drexell White, Steve Bunker

Guests: Randi Lemieux, Davene Luce, Robert Webber

1. Call To Order - The meeting was called to order at 2:40 p.m.

- a. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda – None
- b. Review/Accept November 16, 2006 and January 18, 2007 minutes

The committee reviewed the November 16, 2006 and January 18, 2007, minutes.

Motion: To accept the November 16, 2006 meeting minutes (Beals; second by Blagdon – motion carries – unanimous)

Motion: To accept the January 18, 2007 meeting minutes (Dunno; second by Beals – motion carries – unanimous)

2. Old Business

A. Maine EMD Application Process

Drexell reported that 36 services and 406 Emergency Medical Dispatchers have received EMD certification. He is working with services and dispatchers to wrap-up initial certification.

B. ESCB Training –Update

i. EMD Classes in 2007

Steve Bunker reported that he has scheduled Medical Priority Dispatch and Powerphone classes in March and April, respectively. With the addition of 14 new NECI instructors in the state, the need for NECI EMD classes is being handled at the local level. Steve stated that he would coordinate an NECI course if the need arose.

In regards to whether the ESCB would be funding the purchase of electronic versions of the EMS protocols, Steve reiterated his previous meeting's statement that the ESCB has adopted a wait and see position. How the ESCB proceeds will depend upon what direction Maine EMS will take as far as a single statewide protocol.

C. Legislative Update

LD 627 – An Act to Ensure Uniform Emergency Medical Dispatch Services in Maine has been scheduled for public hearing before the Utilities and Energy Committee, Room 211, Cross State Office Building on March 1, 2007 at 1:00 p.m. Drexell will forward talking points to interested parties and asked if there were any interested committee members willing to attend the hearing and speak on the bill's behalf.

Copies of the bill were distributed to committee members.

D. Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement (QA/QI)

Drexell reported that he has spoken with Steve Diaz, M.D., Maine EMS State Medical Director about attending a Maine EMS QA Committee meeting to learn more about the QA process and solicit ideas from the QA committee concerning the types of questions to ask concerning the EMD system and the data needed from services to answer the questions. Drexell will attend the next QA meeting and research how QA is performed in various EMD systems.

E. EMD CEH (Continuing Education Hour) Procedures

Staff continues work on the CEH process. Steve Bunker has submitted course outlines from standardized programs (e.g., Powerphone "canned" courses) CEH hours assigned.

F. EMS Manager Representative to the Committee

Based upon a recommendation to the EMS Board by Tim Beals, the current EMS Manager Representative to the committee and a member of the Maine EMS Board, Tim will now be considered the EMS Board representative to the committee, thereby opening up a vacancy for an EMS Agency Manager. Tim suggested the change because Board policy has a member of the Board sitting on each of the standing committees and he has been doing double duty as Board/EMS agency Representative. Drexell will notify interested parties about the vacancy.

G. Curriculum Development

H. Maine EMS Protocol Development – Long Term Goal

Drexell distributed a memo from Peter Bragdon that contained some thoughts about options and issues in curriculum and protocol development. Staff will continue to gather data on options, costs and funding.

3. New Business

A. EMD Manager's Meeting

There is a possibility of working an EMD manager's meeting into the March Maine NENA (National Emergency Number Association) conference. Discussion ensued about whether a meeting could be worked into the conference vs. scheduling a separate date, time and location that might not present as much of a scheduling conflict. Drexell will follow-up with Linda Dunno and Mike Smith from Maine NENA.

B. CPR Accommodation

Maine EMS has received an inquiry about whether a person who is able to meet the cognitive requirements of CPR certification but not the physical requirements (due to a documented disability)

would be eligible for EMD certification. Drexell indicated that any type of waiver of the CPR requirement would need to be approved by the Maine EMS Board. He will keep the committee informed of any activity concerning the topic.

4. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday March 15, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. at Maine EMS in Augusta.

5. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Drexell White